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SUBJECT: SPECIAL SESSION OF SAEP

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1. DEPARTMENT SUSPECTS FIRST SPECIAL SESSION OF SAEP WILL
IN EFFECT BE CONTINUATION OF PLENARY. WE EXPECT EC, AT
FRG AND UK URGING, WILL TAKE VERY CAUTIOUS ATTITUDE AND MAY
ONCE AGAIN SEEK TO ADD AT LEAST ONE MORE TOPIC. NORDICS
WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR SPEEDY WORK LEADING TO MEETING
ON THE TWO AGREED TOPICS, AND SOVIETS WILL ATTEMPT TO
MINIMIZE ROLE OF PREPARATORY WORK, AND WILL BE RELUCTANT TO
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DELVE DEEPLY INTO THE TECHNICAL QUESTIONS THAT MUST BE
ANSWERED.

2. WE ONCE AGAIN SEE U.S. ROLE AS SOMEWHERE IN THE MIDDLE.
WE HAVE, HOWEVER, TO SOME EXTENT COMMITTED OURSELVES TO
COMPLETE, TECHNICAL ANALYSIS OF TOPICS, SO WE WILL
PROBABLY FIND OURSELVES SOMEWHAT MORE IN LINE WITH EC

THINKING THAN WE WERE AT THE PLENARY.

3.US MISSION COULD USEFULLY BEGIN DETAILED DISCUSSIONS WITH
SWEDES AND NORWEGIANS ON ONE HAND AND EC MEMBER COUNTRY
REPS ON THE OTHER, IN AN ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE EXTENT OF

DIFFERENCES NOW, BEFORE MEETING ACTUALLY GETS UNDERWAY.
IF EXTREMISTS IN BOTH NORDIC AND EC CAMPS CAN REACH SOME
PRELIMINARY ACCOMODATION NOW IT WILL BE MUCH EASIER TO
DEAL WITH WHAT WILL SURELY BE STRONG SOVIET PUSH TO SEEK
DEEPER COMMITMENT AT EVERY STAGE TO HIGH LEVEL MEETING,
WITHOUT ADEQUATE PREPARATION. VANCE

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